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7. [redacted] Met with Mr. William Cook, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that H. R. 6483, the bill for promotion of members of the Marine Corps to full general was reported out by the full Committee but that one member has insisted during discussion that the number of generals authorized by the bill be reduced from four to three. From present indications, a member may well propose a similar amendment on the floor of the House when the bill comes up for consideration. Mr. Cook told me that the leadership has recommended that the Committee procure a rule on the bill and not attempt passage on either the Consent Calendar or by suspension of the rules. Although a letter requesting hearing by the Rules Committee on the bill is in the mill, the hearing cannot take place earlier than the week of 7 June. Consideration on the floor of the House will be scheduled after the hearing by the Rules Committee. Mr. Cook apologized that the report on the bill has not yet been received from the printers but may be available tomorrow. [redacted] has been advised.

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10. [redacted] Mrs. Peckham, in the office of Representative Charles Thone (R., Neb.), called and asked for assistance in replying to a constituent who had raised the question of CIA complicity in the drug problem and I told her I would drop by.

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